GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:172
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2001
INADEQUATE GAS SUPPLY TO TROMBAY THERMAL STATION BY ONGC/GAIL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Trombay Thermal Station continues to get inadequate gas supplies from Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) and Gas Authority of India Limited(GAIL);

(b) if so, whether contract for gas supplies exists between Tata Electric Companies(TEC) and GAIL for supply of 1.5 million cubic metres of gas per day(MMCMD);

(c) if so, the details thereof and whether the Government propose to direct GAIL to honour the existing contract and supply adequate quantity of gas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) IN RESPECT OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.17 ANSWER ON 29.11.2001 REGARDING INADEQUATE GAS SUPPLY TO TROMBAY THERMAL STATION BY ONGC/GAIL.

(a) to (c) Tata Electric Company (TEC) originally signed a contract with Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited on 19.12.91 for supply of 1.5 million standard cubic meters per day (MMSCMD) of natural gas for a period of 5 years, which was later transferred to Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL).The validity of the gas supply agreement between TEC and GAIL, as extended from time to time expired on 30.09.2001. Both the parties are in the process of extending the contract through a side letter upto 31.12.2003.

(d) Due to low availability of natural gas ex-Uran, TEC is being supplied gas around 1 MMSCMD against the allocation of 1.5 MMSCMD as per Action Plan worked out in 2000-01. The current gas availability ex-Uran is around 9 MMSCMD only, while allocations already committed to various consumers in the region are of the order of 16.6 MMSCMD.